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Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

65. (currently amended) A trampoline jumping system comprising:

a trampoline that has a circular ~~frame at least ten feet in diameter and~~ frame, a rebounding mat, and a plurality of spring members extending between the frame and the rebounding mat such that the rebounding mat is supported by the frame;

plural independent poles attached to the trampoline, each pole terminating at an upper end positioned above the rebounding mat and at ~~an~~ a lower end positioned below the rebounding mat, the uppermost elevation of each pole being five to eight feet above the rebounding mat, each pole being spaced apart from the other poles without a rigid member extending between the upper ends of every pair of adjacent poles such that not all of the upper ends of the poles are secured together by a rigid framework; and

an expanse of flexible material that is supported above the rebounding mat by the plural independent poles and that is positioned to serve as a barrier to prevent jumpers from falling off the rebounding mat.

68. (previously presented) The trampoline jumping system according to claim 65 further comprising a protective covering located at the upper end of at least one of the poles.

71. (currently amended) A trampoline jumping system comprising:

a trampoline that has a circular ~~frame at least ten feet in diameter~~ frame, legs that support the frame, ~~and a rebounding mat, and a plurality of spring members extending between the frame and the rebounding mat such that the rebounding mat is~~ supported by the frame;

plural independent poles that are that attached to the frame and/or legs of the trampoline and that have a portion that extends above the rebounding mat, at least one of the poles having both of its ends positioned below the rebounding mat, with each pole being spaced apart from the other poles without a rigid member extending between the uppermost portions of every pair of

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adjacent poles such that not all of the uppermost portions of the poles are secured together by a rigid framework; and

a barrier expanse of flexible material that is supported above the rebounding mat by the plural independent poles to prevent jumpers from falling off.